

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A cast-cutter (10) for removing a cast from a patient comprises a body (12) and a cutting assembly (18) secured thereto, wherein the cutting assembly (18) includes first and second relatively moveable cutting members (40, 44). Each cutting member (40, 44) defines a cutting edge (46, 48) which when in use cooperate to cut by a shearing action. Each cutting member (40, 44) also defines an inner face (60) and are adapted to maintain the inner faces (60) in non-engaging relationship to provide clearance therebetween in order to prevent material binding between the member (40, 44) during a cutting operation.